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RE: FOIA Request #BCFP-2019-0159-F

January 24, 2019

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Dear Mr. Gottinger:

Please be advised that the BCFP FOIA Office has a backlog of pending FOIA requests. We are diligently working to process each request in the order in which it was received. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

This letter is to inform you that on January 11, 2019, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (BCFP) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 11, 2019. Your request sought:

A copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau who have left their positions/were terminated/retired for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

In accordance with Section 1070.17 of the BCFP FOIA regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 1070, the Bureau generally processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although the BCFP's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period for unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances include the need to search for and collect records from separate BCFP officers; the need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of records "demanded in a single request"; and the need to consult with another agency or two or more agency components.

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Due to the anticipated volume, the BCFP will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office by the below means.

As it relates to your fee waiver request, your request will be held in abeyance pending the quantification of responsive records. The BCFP Interim FOIA regulations, set forth six factors to examine in determining whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met: (1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government;" (2) Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; (3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor or a narrow segment of interested persons; (4) Whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant;" (5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor. If any responsive records are located, we will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver.

You have been determined to be a media requester and provisions of the FOIA allow the BCFP to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. You will be charged for the duplication (after the first 100 pages) costs in accordance with the BCFP Interim FOIA regulations as applicable to media requestors. The BCFP's FOIA Fee Schedule may be viewed at www.consumerfinance.gov/foia-requests/fee-schedule/. **You did not indicate in your request a specific amount you were willing to pay. Therefore, in accordance with our regulations, your submission of a FOIA request is construed as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00.** You will be contacted in the event there are additional fees related to the processing of your request beyond this amount.

For inquiries concerning your request, please reference the FOIA request number above and contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foia@consumerfinance.gov or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

Sincerely,

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